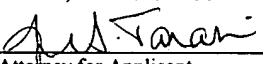


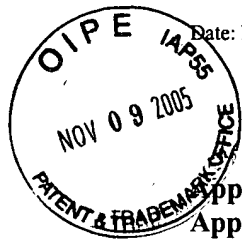
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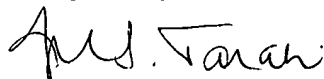
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- Response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment  
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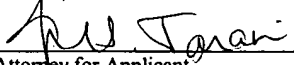
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### **RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action mailed 9 August 2005, please amend the above-identified  
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**The listing of claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.